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Joyce and Joe Stein

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Editorial Message

We Honor the Best —

Levon Filian

This special issue is dedicated to Haigazian University. We take this opportunity to thank each and every one who has contributed to the birth and growth of this great educational institution.



It was a chilly fall day in October 2012. There was no electric power, no phone or computer access. My cell phone was my only line of communication with the outside world. The East Coast was struck by Super Storm Sandy. THE PHONE RANG! It was Dr. John Markarian, founding President of Haigazian University. He and his wife called to find out how a student, Levon Filian, who attended Haigazian University in 1965-67, was doing during the Storm. That is what Haigazian University is all about — a caring, loving, nurturing University **where everybody is somebody.**

Haigazian University is the only Armenian university outside of Armenia. It has grown to become the beehive of intellectual, cultural, multid denominational, multiethnic, educational institution in the Middle East that competes with the best, and is recognized as an educational institution worldwide. It continues to carry the torch of preparing Armenian Christian leaders who are equipped to lead our educational and religious institutions worldwide.

We thank God for every person from the visionary fathers to the students to the teachers, the Presidents, Board members and financial and moral supporters who have made this University what it is today. We take this opportunity to honor Joyce Stein, whose dedication to the University spreads over three generations. □

Haigazian University and Joyce Philibosian Stein

Dear Joyce,

The Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) Board members, collectively and individually congratulate you on your very special birthday, and on being the recipient of the Ellis Island Humanitarian Award. We thank God for the love you demonstrate for Him and humanity.

Joyce, you are a child of God in its true meaning. You are a living testimony of the greatest commandment. You love your God with all your heart, your mind, your soul and your neighbor as yourself.

Joyce, you are a legend. You have inherited the love which your parents, Stephen and Sirpuhe, had for God and people. You have shared it with your husband, Pesa Joe. You have passed it on to your daughters, Stephanie Landes and Tina Segel, and their families with six grandchildren. All of whom have demonstrated their love for God and mankind.

Joyce, you are a torch bearer passing the light of love from generation to generation. You have demonstrated your spirit of service as the trustee of the Stephen Philibosian Foundation, and supported the AMAA and Haigazian University in leadership positions. You have given generously from your time and resources to help Armenian and non-Armenian charities and foundations globally.

Joyce, you are a fundraiser. You have demonstrated your ability to raise funds for AMAA projects such as the Orphan and Child Care programs, Haigazian University, Armenian Schools, Children's hospitals and cultural programs.

Joyce, you are an encourager, a Barnabas! Always ready to compliment, to praise, to forgive, to counsel. You bring joy to people wherever you are.

I pray that God will continue to bless you and your loved ones.

Best wishes and prayers.

Love,



*Levon Filian
Executive Director*

Haigazian University

57 Years of Service and Contributions

Haigazian University is named in honor of Dr. Armenag Haigazian, former Headmaster of the Jenanian Apostolic Institute of Konya, Turkey. Dr. Haigazian was a highly respected educator who received his Ph.D. from Yale University and returned to Turkey to serve his Armenian compatriots. When the "ethnic cleansing" of the Armenians began, Dr. Haigazian had the opportunity to escape to the United States, but he chose to stay and continue his ministry. Later, he, along with many Armenian intellectuals, was rounded up to be driven to the Syrian Desert. Dr. Haigazian died on the way in the prison of Kharpert in 1921.

Concurrently, eight Armenian colleges were also destroyed in Turkey. Although these aspects of education and service were brought to an end, the dream continued in the minds of Dr. Haigazian's descendants and others. The Mehagian family (Mary Mehagian and Florence Mehagian-Guertmenian) of Phoenix,



The Webb Building on the right where Haigazian College started in 1955.



The Mugar Building of Haigazian University.

Arizona, close relatives of Dr. Haigazian, donated capital through the AMAA and worked hand in hand with Stephen Philibosian to get Haigazian College started.

The University was founded on October 17, 1955, by the Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East (UAECNE) and the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) as a liberal arts college to assist in the preparation of teachers and pastors.

Prior to this date, the Armenian Evangelical community of Beirut, to complement its high schools and the Teacher Training needs, had established two post-secondary educational programs: the Teacher's Training Institute, which was housed in the library of the Central High School and operated from 1948-51, and the Armenian Evangelical College, which held a Freshman Arts and Sciences program under the sponsorship of the First Armenian Evangelical Church of Beirut. These two entities merged in 1951 forming a Freshman Arts and Sciences plus a Sophomore Arts program, and they continued to serve the Armenian Community until 1955, when Haigazian College was established. Haigazian College was originally designed to function as a junior college offering two years of university-level education. However, a demand for upper-division classes encouraged the institution to develop four year programs.

Haigazian operated under its original name of "College" until 1991. In keeping with Near Eastern nomenclature, the

name was changed to Haigazian University College in 1992. On December 28, 1996, the Ministry of Culture and Higher Education of Lebanon issued decree number 9657, which authorized the institution to change its name to Haigazian University.

Dr. John Markarian, the first President of the University, served until June 1966. During the years 1967 to 1971, Dr. Gilbert Bilezikian held this position; then Dr. Markarian returned to the post until his retirement in June 1982. Subsequently, the presidency was held by Dr. Verne H. Fletcher until February 1985. Wilma Cholakian, the Administrative Dean, was then responsible for the operation of the University until August 30, 1995. Dr. John Khanjian served as President from September 1, 1995 until August 1, 2002. On September 1, 2002, Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian became President.

When the University opened in 1955, there were 43 students enrolled. Student enrollment reached 650 before the start of the civil disturbances in Lebanon in 1975. The present enrollment is approximately 925 with a faculty and staff of 150. So far the University has granted the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, and Master of



The Students of Haigazian College in 1957. Front Row L to R: Anahid Poladian, Anahid Tegrharian, Seta Tegrharian, Arpi Geukgeuzian (who later married Levon Karamanougian), Joanne Markarian (Dr. John Markarian's daughter), Seta Postoyan, Berjouhi Esmerian, Anahid Yacoubian, Anahid Tootikian. **Back Row L to R:** Yervant Kassouni, Noubar Katchadourian, Sumpad Lapajian and Ruth and John Markarian.

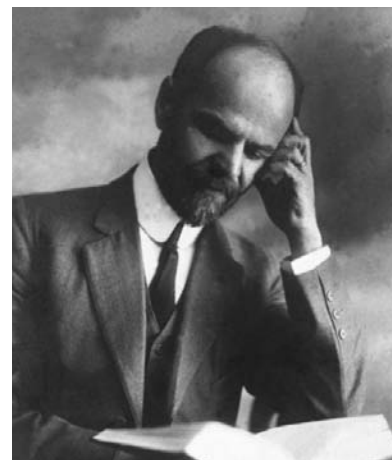
Business Administration degrees in various fields to around 3,200 students.

The University was first located in the Webb Building, which was the former residence of American Missionary Elizabeth Webb, a ten-room house converted for college use. Later, a seven-story building was added. This building was called the Mehagian Academic Center in honor of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Mehagian, whose financial support made its construction possible. A grant from Stephen P. Mugar of Boston, MA enabled the University to acquire a beautiful historic structure, a sample of the Lebanese architectural heritage, subsequently named the Mugar Building, to honor the donor's parents.

In 1987, due to the Lebanese war, the University moved to the Christian Medical Center in the Ashrafieh district, and



Marie and Steven Mehagian



Dr. Armenag Haigazian

classes continued as usual. On March 27, 1996, the Board of Managers decided that the University should return to its original campus on Rue Mexique, Kantari. On February 16, 1997, the renovation of the former campus began. On October 6, 1997, classes resumed in the renovated and revitalized Kantari campus to the delight of students and the community at large.

Early in July 2001, construction began on a fourth building on the Mugar property which has a media center, a board room, and faculty offices. This new facility became operational in October 2001.

To accommodate the growth of the student body, in August 2004, a new piece of property was purchased on the May Ziadeh Street (parallel to Mexique Street on which the University operates). The plot includes a 6-floor Heritage Building which now hosts seminar rooms, administrative and academic sections. The Heritage Building, which enriches the cultural identity of the neighborhood, was inaugurated on April 9, 2012.

Empowered by its newly acquired authorization from the Ministry of Culture and Higher Education to offer graduate programs, since 1995, the institution has started four Masters Programs: Educational Administration and Supervision, General Psychology, Clinical Psychology, and Masters in Business Administration and Hotel Management.

Throughout its 57 years of service, the University has contributed to the development of young active and able human resources for Lebanon, and the larger world. □



A recent graduating class at Haigazian University.



Joyce Stein,

Loyal Supporter and Friend

Joyce Philipbosian Stein was born in New York City to Sirpuhe Philipbosian Conte and Stephen Philipbosian, a philanthropist, entrepreneur and co-founder of Hgaizian University. Over the years, Joyce has followed in the footsteps of her philanthropic and dedicated parents and those of her aunt Ruth Philipbosian.

Her father was born in historic Hadjin, Turkey and immigrated to New York. Stephen prospered in the rug business and decided to use his money for the welfare of his countrymen. He became involved with the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA), an organization whose purpose then was to help the Armenian compatriots wherever they were in the fields of education, health and orphan care. He also made a deep imprint on educational institutions in the Middle East and co-founded Haigazian University in 1955. Stephen passed away in 1974.

Her mother was also born in Hadjin and came to the United States when she was ten years old. Sirpuhe was well educated. As a teenager she took up modeling and showed promise with her impressive secretarial skills. She became a very successful businesswoman. Sirpuhe and Stephen were married in 1930 and had two daughters, Joyce and Louise. They moved to Philadelphia, enjoying their beautiful Radnor, Pennsylvania estate, "Hill Top Farm", which today is the Armenian Sisters Academy. The Philipbosians were well known for their gracious hospitality to notables throughout the world. Sirpuhe's move to California found her in Los Angeles and then Palm Springs, where she and her second husband, John Conte,



Joe and Joyce Stein

founded the NBC television station, KMIR. She and John established the Conte Foundation which disburses funds to the AMAA as well as to many American educational and cultural institutions. Sirpuhe passed away in 2008 at the age of 99.

Her aunt, Ruth Philipbosian, was also born in Hadjin and came to the United States with her family at an early age. After graduating from Emory University in Atlanta, she garnered her Master's teaching degree from Columbia University. She taught in the New York City public schools for over three decades. In the tradition

of Philipbosian philanthropy, Ruth made a large monetary pledge to the AMAA on the occasion of its 60th anniversary. The donation funded the Siroon and Kaloust Aijian Endowment Fund in memory of her sister and brother-in-law. She served on the AMAA Board of Directors and Executive Committee for more than 15 years. She was instrumental in the construction of the First Armenian Evangelical Church College in Armenia which was named after her parents as the Yeprem and Martha Philipbosian Armenian Evangelical College.

Joyce has built upon the tradition and dedication of her father, mother and



Joyce and Joe Stein with their children and grandchildren. Pictured L to R: David Segel, Kate Segel, Henry Segel, Stephanie Segel, Tina Segel, Joyce Stein, Joe Stein, Stephanie Landes, Stephen Landes, Matthew Landes, Christina Landes and Michael Landes.

aunt. She is an ex-officio member of the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) Board of Directors, Co-Chair of the AMAA National Orphan and Child Care Committee, Trustee of the Stephen Philibosian Foundation and ex-officio member of the Board of Directors of Haigazian University. She serves in the fields of education, health and orphan care while keeping a strong involvement in the Armenian community, primarily in the humanitarian field and in the arts. She became a volunteer and major fund raiser for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and served as the chair of "Daisy Day" Campaign. President Eisenhower accepted her invitation to serve as Honorary Chairman. As a member of the support committee for the Philadelphia Orchestra, Joyce and her husband Joe enjoyed a warm relationship with Conductor Eugene Ormandy and his wife, Gretel. She is currently a Deacon of the Palm Desert Presbyterian Church and serves on the Missions Committee.

Joyce attended Colby/Sawyer, SMU, and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. She lived in St. Andrews, Scotland, while her husband attended St. Mary's College. She now resides in Indian Wells, California with her husband, who represents the AMAA and serves as the Vice President in the United Armenian Fund and who is involved in numerous other Armenian organizations and projects. Joyce and Joe have two daughters, Stephanie Landes, a current member of the AMAA Board of Directors, and Tina Segel, a member of Haigazian University Board of Trustees. Tina is co-chairing the AMAA Orphan Child Care Luncheon with her mother on April 13 in Los Angeles. Joyce is actively involved in the lives of her six grandchildren.

In 2012, Joyce was the recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, one of the nation's most prestigious awards, which honors American citizens from across the country for their outstanding contributions to their communities, their nation and the world.

Joyce Philibosian Stein is a leader who puts her heart and soul into each and every project to make the world a little better than she found it. □



Joyce Philibosian Stein, recipient of the 2012 Ellis Island Medal of Honor.



Mrs. Sirpuhe Philibosian Conte



Mr. Stephen Philibosian



Miss Ruth Philibosian



Haigazian University Trustees Pay Tribute to Joyce Philibosian Stein

Grace Kurkjian

The Ballroom of the Sheraton Universal Hotel in Los Angeles, CA was the venue for the Haigazian University Trustees Tribute Banquet honoring Joyce Philibosian Stein on November 17, 2012. Friends from all around the world were on hand to greet and congratulate Mrs. Stein at the reception and banquet.

The evening's program started with Dr. Ani Darakjian, Chair of the Haigazian University Trustees, who welcomed everyone, praised Mrs. Stein for continued support of Haigazian and pronounced her to be "the guardian angel" of the University.

She then introduced the Master of Ceremonies, Robert Kurkjian, who asked the audience to stand for the singing of God Bless America and the opening prayer offered by Pastor Douglas Garrard, the Stein's Pastor from the Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Kurkjian introduced the many dignitaries present who included: former California Governor George Deukmejian and



Mr. Robert Kurkjian



Dr. Ani Darakjian

his wife Gloria; Garen Nazarian, Armenian Ambassador to the United Nations; Grigor Hovanissian, Armenian Consul General; Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian, President of Haigazian University; Dr. Joseph Zeronian, President of the AMAA; Levon Filian, Executive Director of the AMAA; Rev. Joseph Matossian, Minister to the Union of the AEUNA; Rev. Dr. John Khanjian, past President of Haigazian University; and Dr. Mihran





Rev. Douglas Garrard



Dr. Joseph Zeronian



UN Ambassador Garen Nazarian



Grigor Hovanissian, Consul General of Armenia, presents a medal of honor to Joyce Stein.



L to R: Rev. Dr. John Khanjian, Dr. Ani Darakjian and Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian



L to R: UN Ambassador Garen Nazarian, Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian, Levon Filian, Gloria Deukmejian, former Governor of California George Deukmejian, Joyce Stein, Consul General Grigor Hovanissian and Joe Stein



Agbabian, one of the original Trustees of Haigazian College and founding President of the American University of Armenia.

Louise Danelian, sister of the honoree, was first to speak and shared some favorite anecdotes and stories of growing up together. A video chronicling Mrs. Stein's life, produced by her daughter Tina Segel, was shown and included the Stein's wedding and other family occasions. Grigor Hovanissian, the Armenian Consul General, praised Mrs. Stein for being a champion of Armenian causes and especially for her support of the Consul General's building in Glendale. He then presented Mrs. Stein with the highest medal from the Republic of Armenia. Garen Nazarian, Armenian Ambassador to the United Nations, followed with special remarks about the Stein's involvement and generosity for so many worthwhile organizations.

A musical interlude of operatic selections by the Lark Quartet was enthusiastically received by the audience. The AMAA salute was delivered by Dr. Joseph Zeronian and the Haigazian salute was given by Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian. Both men praised Mrs. Stein for her many years of interest, involvement and support of Haigazian University and other AMAA missions. A second video featuring Albert Momjian, Hirair Hovnanian, Peter Balakian, Armine Hovanissian and Governor George Deukmejian further commended Mrs. Stein for her good work to various Armenian organizations.

The evening concluded with salutations from the Stein's daughters, Stephanie Landes and Tina Segel, and their father Pesa Joe Stein. In brief words they appreciated Mrs. Stein for being a role model to her daughters and a loving wife to her husband. Mrs. Stein was presented with a scrapbook containing 27 letters that were received by the Committee in her honor. Dr. Ani Darakjian gave Mrs. Stein a Baccarat angel with an engraved stand that reads, "To Joyce Stein, Our Haigazian Angel." Mrs. Stein thanked everyone for attending and praised God for her many blessings. The evening's Benediction was given by Rev.



Grace Kurkjian, Chair of the Tribute Organizing Committee, presents Joyce Stein with a scrapbook on behalf of the Committee.

Dr. John Khanjian, immediate Past President of Haigazian University.

The AMAA wishes to thank the following members of the Joyce Stein Tribute Committee for their hard work and dedication in organizing this memorable event:

Joyce Abdulian, Elizabeth Agbabian, Julie Aharonian, Hon. Alice Altoon, Dr. Marilyn Bezdikian, Dr. Ani Darakjian, Phyllis Hamo, Rita Hasserjian, Silva Hussenjian, Louisa Janbazian, Hermine Janoyan, Mary Kassabian, Raffi Kendirjian, Katia Kermoyan, Thelma Kevorkian, Grace Kurkjian, Idy Levy, Silva Marounian, Anie Najarian, Seta Nalbandian, Arsine Phillips, Suzie Phillips, Dolores Samuelian, Helga Sarkis and Tina Segel. □



L to R: Stephanie Stein Landes, Joe Stein and Tina Stein Segel



Louise Danelian

Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian

Pays Tribute to Joyce Stein at the Banquet

Ladies and Gentlemen,

To honor someone means to respect them for who they are, or to thank them for what they did, or to give people the consideration that is due, or it means to regard their personality highly, or it means to consider a person worthy of distinction among their fellow people.

But what if the person qualifies for all of the above and more? Then the gesture of honoring moves us above specific times and places, into a sense of honorable personhood as our Lord God willed by creating us.

If I start counting the reasons that make this honor befitting, I would lose words and examples.

What is it specifically for which I could thank and honor Joyce?

- For the fact that she filled the gap created by the passing of her philanthropist father Stephen who had toiled, dreamt, visited, donated, lobbied and led in support of his Armenian compatriots in distant lands?
- For the fact that she became a bridge that connects the pre-Adana massacre Hadjin days of her ancestors with our current Armenian diaspora and Armenia?
- For the fact that she inherited her mother's love for the lands of the Levant, and the tradition of visiting the Armenian communities there despite all dangers and difficulties?
- For the fact that she *pesa*'ed a Joseph Stein into Armenian culture?
- For the fact that she raised her daughters in the value system of humanitarian service, Christian faith and love of neighbor?
- For the fact that she exhibited great stewardship of both the Stephen Philibosian and the Conte Foundations?
- For the fact that she took Haigazian University and the whole Armenian Evangelical educational network as her family and cared for their needs decade after decade?
- For the fact that she never turned a deaf ear to the regular needs and projects of the Haigazian University leadership: be it John Markarian, Gilbert Bilezikian, Wilma Cholakian, or John Khanjian and others?
- For the fact that the AMAA, the UAECNE, the AEWC all became the arenas of her service and dedication?

You see how, dear friends, why it would be difficult to say what exactly Joyce is being honored for, for each of the points I mentioned deserve a medal, a trophy, a banquet. But she has the medals, and an honorary doctorate from Haigazian long years ago, and she has more.

That is why, the best honor we can give you, Joyce, is a gathering: a gathering of friends, of feelings, of visions, of testimonies...



We have all been moved by the way you are moved every time you hear about a needy Armenian who needs education or food or shelter.

Joyce, you are a phenomenon and you are honorable. We are therefore honoring your good heart. It is certainly where the Lord dwells.

Fame and honor come in many ways, but blessed is the one who is honored for goodness and generosity of her heart. On behalf of Haigazian University, its students, staff and faculty, I honor your legacy and thank God for all that you represent. Your father turned the nostalgia of Hadjin and the news of the loss into significant giving and genuine caring for his people. May your living honorable example turn us all into giving hearts to serve for the glory of God, the development of the Armenian people and all people of the world.

On behalf of every single child or young man and woman who received some kind of scholarship or support or encouragement, attention or care..., on behalf of literally dozens of thousands of Armenians who went through these systems in the past sixty years or so, Joyce, I say: THANK YOU!

Rev. Paul Haidostian, Ph.D.
President, Haigazian University



Excerpts from some of the many congratulatory letters received at the Haigazian University Trustees Banquet honoring Joyce Philibosian Stein.

It gives me great pleasure to pay tribute to Mrs. Joyce Philibosian Stein, a renowned humanitarian, whose generosity encompasses various fields of philanthropy, from caring for children, to sponsoring orphans, to supporting an orchestra. But to me, her most important achievement is promoting high quality education, especially in Lebanon. Prof. Hassan Diab, Minister of Education and Higher Education, Republic of Lebanon.

In Armenia, we are familiar with and highly appreciate all of your humanitarian activities. Great is your contribution in the Diaspora for the preservation and strengthening of Armenian heritage. I am sure your exemplary image will be a great inspiration for many generations to come. Armen Ashodian, Minister of Education and Science, Republic of Armenia.

Joyce Stein has shown devotion and unconditional care throughout the years as a member of the Haigazian University Board of Trustees, the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) and the AMAA Orphan and Child Care Committee. Her assistance to needy students and her moral and financial support to programs organized by the Armenian community have received the highest appreciation. Joyce is a dedicated Armenian, who is not only linked to the Fatherland and nation with her roots, but also continues to pursue our national interests through her benevolent and humanitarian acts. Hranush Hakobyan, Minister of the Ministry of Diaspora of the Republic of Armenia.

I would like to extend my word of appreciation to Mrs. Joyce Philibosian Stein for her life-time commitment to the Armenian nation, diligent service to the Armenian-American community, tireless efforts in boosting Armenian culture and education, and for her generous philanthropic activities. I congratulate Mrs. Philibosian Stein and wish her many years of fruitful endeavors to the benefit of Armenia and the Armenian nation. Ambassador Tatoul Markarian, Ambassador of Armenia to the United States.

Congratulations to Joyce Philibosian Stein, a remarkable human being, activist, influential member of the Armenian-American community and recipient of the 2012 Ellis Island Medal of Honor. We are proud to have her as a dear friend and supporter of the Consulate General of the Republic of Armenia in Los Angeles--where her efforts have helped shape the House of Armenia into a home for the Armenian Community in Los Angeles. Thank you, Joyce, for your leadership throughout the years. Grigor Hovanissian, Consul General of Armenia in Los Angeles.

We highly appreciate the patriotic and humanitarian activities of the Stein family aimed at helping the Armenian people in every way possible to preserve their national identity, faith, language, their centuries old culture and spiritual values. S. Der-Simonian, President, Charitable Programs Coordination Commission, Republic of Armenia.

It is with unparalleled enthusiasm that I write this note congratulating you for being honored by the Board of Trustees of Haigazian University. You are a precious member of a family that has exhibited selfless and unconditional charity on the top of its life agenda. We thank God for you, Joyce, and pray that the Lord God may give you renewed strength and vision. Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian, President, Haigazian University.

It is fitting and a pleasure to remember you and your family on the occasion when you are being honored. I am grateful beyond words for the transforming experience of finding my ethnic roots and being privileged to spend most of my adult life and career in Haigazian (College) University in Beirut. Joyce, you show the graciousness which is at the heart of the faith of all of us who do what we do in the name and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Dr. John Markarian, Founding President, Haigazian University.

Over the years, I have been very grateful for the fact that your father's legacy has not been lost but that you have incarnated it and expanded upon it. This constitutes a fitting gift both to the memory of a great man and to the Kingdom he endeavored to serve. **Gilbert Bilezikian, Former President, Haigazian University.**

Many deserving students were able to go to school because of your generous support. Your voice still rings in my ear, " We should never refuse a student for financial reasons." **Dr. John Khanjian, Past President, Haigazian University.**

We want to express our thankful appreciation for a friend who has accompanied us with love and care. Mrs. Stein has indeed carried us in her heart, her mind, in prayer, and in action. She has been a real blessing, a maidservant of our Eternal God. To Him be all glory forever. **Rev. Megrditch Karagoezian, President, Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches, Near East.**

You have been an excellent ambassador of our people to non-Armenians. You are above all a dedicated Christian lady. May God continue to bless you with health, happiness, peace and prosperity. **Rev. Vahan Tootikian, Armenian Evangelical World Council.**

What a wonderful occasion this is, to celebrate the positive impact one devoted follower of Christ has made and continues to make in this world that God loves so much. Joyce, you are God's blessing to so many people! You have embraced your father's vision advancing that cause in Armenia, the Middle East and around the globe. **Rev. Joseph Matossian, Minister to the Union, and Rev. Nishan Bakalian, Moderator of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America.**

As to Joyce as a person, she is a woman of grace, a woman with an amazing heart and a woman I am proud to call my dear friend. I also would like to acknowledge how truly unusual it is for something to be created by a father and have continued leadership into the next generation. **Hirair Hovnanian, Chairman, Armenian Assembly of America.**

We congratulate you on receiving this year's Ellis Island Medal of Honor and thank you for your many years of service, devotion and generous support, not only for Haigazian University but countless worthy causes. You have served as a role model for your family and community with grace and faith. Thank you for your inspired leadership of the Haigazian University Auxiliary of Los Angeles. With love and respect, **Your Haigazian University Women's Auxiliary Sisters.**

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Haigazian University is grateful to these donors for their generosity and to all of the donors to the University over the past 57 years. "Our first priority today is to encourage friends and supporters to contribute generously to the Heritage Building Fund," said Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian, President of the University.

The Heritage Building is now functioning as the administrative center and academic research hub of the University.

If you would like to support Haigazian University, please send your donation, earmarked for the Haigazian University Heritage Building, to the AMAA, 31 West Century Road, Paramus, NJ 07652 or go on our website, www.amaa.org.



Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian's 11th Year at Haigazian University

2013 marks eleven years as President of Haigazian University for Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian.

Dr. Haidostian is a graduate of Haigazian, receiving a BA in Psychology with a minor in Armenian Studies in 1984. He continued his education and earned a Master of Divinity degree from the Near East School of Theology and a Th. M. and Ph.D. in Pastoral Theology from the Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ. In addition to his Presidency at the University and his local and international ecclesial, ecumenical and educational responsibilities, he serves as Chairman of the Central Committee of the UAECNE as well as a number of positions and involvements in such ecumenical bodies as the World Communion of Reformed Churches and the Fellowship of the Middle East Evangelical Churches. He is married to Maral Purzekian and they have two daughters, Garin and Talar.

The University has grown under his Presidency. The student numbers have more than doubled, parallel to a similar growth in the operational budget, the financial aid grants and the building facilities. The staff and faculty numbers and the academic program and research options have significantly grown, alongside the University's public image and relations with academic institutions in Lebanon, Armenia and the society at large. A recent addition, a new Heritage Building on May Ziadeh Street, opened in February 2011 and houses a number of offices including Admissions, Accounting and Finance.

Approximately half of the students at Haigazian major in business and economics related fields and go on to work in financial institutions, family businesses and assume administrative positions. Some also work with non-government organizations. Other graduates enter the fields of education and service and a growing number are continuing their education in the masters programs.

The alumni, who number over 3,200 and live all over the world, are very important because the success of Haigazian is mainly measured by how well they do. Haigazian is proud to have alumni in Parliament, in leadership positions of religious organizations and in bank management and the media.

Dr. Haidostian is very pleased with the general growth of the University in almost every domain. "I have made sure that we see ourselves in continuity with my predecessors. They started the work and I have followed up and brought things to fruition. I am very proud of the success we have had in establishing a long term partnership with the USAID, in developing relations with Armenia, in completion of the Heritage Building as an extension of the campus, in being able to keep the friendly atmosphere on campus despite quantitative growth, in the launching of the Armenian Diaspora Research Center, in seeing students receive graduate degrees abroad and in making the Haigazian brand name a successful one."

Despite the many successes of the University, Dr. Haidostian said that there are a number of challenges he and the University

face. "Human and financial resources are key to the success of institutions such as ours," said Dr. Haidostian. "As Haigazian grows and upgrading ourselves becomes a must, balancing our budget, especially in capital projects and financial aid, will be a current and ongoing challenge. While we enjoy a high rank among Lebanese universities, gaining wider recognition and American and professional accreditation is a future goal. For that purpose, recruiting additional qualified faculty, encouraging faculty research and the establishment of more research centers will be a must. Keeping a balance between every aspect we face (an Armenian university, a Lebanese institution, an American liberal arts program with Armenian Evangelical roots and commitment to a larger world, including service to Armenia and the Middle East), is very important. Competing with the best universities in the region and abroad despite the unstable conditions of the Middle East, planning long term with limited resources and limited sense of security around us as well as the challenge of some Armenian students unable to afford paying tuition despite our generous aid program are of utmost concern."

"Haigazian is an Armenian pride, an Armenian Evangelical testimony of God's goodness and the resilience of the Armenian people, and a witness to the fertile soil of the land of the cedars," said Dr. Haidostian. "I believe there is much more potential for Haigazian University in the years ahead. With growing financial and human resources, we can accomplish much more." □



The Board of Trustees of Haigazian University. Seated L to R: Tina Stein Segel, Joyce Philibosian Stein, Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian, Ph.D., Ani Darakjian, M.D., Ani Boujikianian, Levon Filian.
Standing L to R: Robert Kurkjian, Louis Kurkjian, H. Steven Aharonian, M.D., Serge Buchakjian, Hratch Sarkis, Joseph Zeronian, Ed.D., J.B.M. Kassarian, Ph.D., Herar Mouradian, Hrag Marganian, M.D., Vahe Nalbandian, Ph.D. and John Sagherian.

Big Hearts, Big Homes, Big Welcomes

Once again, Ani and Nazareth Darakjian and Arsine and Gary Phillips demonstrated their big hearts for the Hagazian University and opened their big homes to invite the Hagazian University Board members and their friends to festive dinners. They welcomed everyone with warmth.

We take this opportunity to thank the Darakjians and the Phillips for their love, dedication and support to the AMAA and to the Hagazian University. □

Celebrating Hagazian University at Phillips' Home



Celebrating Hagazian University at Darakjians' Home





President of Armenia Sargsyan Pays Historic Visit to Haigazian University

Mira Yardemian, Haigazian University PR Director

During a three-day visit to Lebanon in November 2012, Armenian President Serge Sargsyan addressed Haigazian University students and faculty, underlying the importance of fostering the ties between Lebanon and Armenia. Present were a number of students from three other leading universities in Lebanon.

President Sargsyan, who headed a delegation of 20 people including Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Education, Diaspora and Culture, was welcomed by the University President, Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian, Haigazian Board members, Deans and Administrators.

The program began at the Mugar Building, where the President and his delegation toured the Matossian Gallery and visited the photo exhibition on the history of the University. Afterwards, President Sargsyan signed the Golden Book of Haigazian, and registered words of appreciation.

While proceeding to the Philibosian, Mehagian and Heritage buildings, where symbols of Mount Ararat and the Cedar tree decorate the playground, President Sargsyan was greeted by hundreds of students. A short cultural program was presented.

In the First Armenian Evangelical Church Hall, Rev. Dr. Haidostian introduced President Sargsyan, noting that "Haigazian witnessed a special renaissance by this historic visit, the very first of a President of the Republic of Armenia." Expressing his pride, Dr. Haidostian said that the Armenian spirit and identity are



always present on campus, and that through ongoing cooperation with the Ministry of the Diaspora, as well as Armenian educational institutions, ties have been further strengthened with Armenia.

In recognition of the President's achievements, and quoting the University's motto, "truth, freedom and service," Dr. Haidostian granted Sargsyan with the University's Service Shield.

President Sargsyan began his speech by first thanking the Lebanese President, General Michel Sleiman, for his invitation, underlying the importance of the strong ties between Lebanon and Armenia, which are linked by well entrenched and deep-rooted cultural and historical relations. He further encouraged the youth of both countries to visit and cooperate with each other.

Commenting on the situation in the Middle East, President Sargsyan voiced his deep concern over Syria, especially on the fate of over 80,000 Syrian Armenians in the war-torn country. He called for a halt to the bloodshed and to restoring peace.

Turning to internal issues in Armenia, President Sargsyan shared the economic and political challenges faced by his country, especially in resolving the issue of Nagorno Karabagh, the issues related to protocol signature with Turkey, and to the 100th commemoration of the Armenian genocide. He concluded his speech with a short Q & A session. □



Haigazian University Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees of Haigazian University consists of 18 men and women who have brought their expertise to serve the University. The members are appointed by the AMAA and the UAECNE. The Board also has ex-officio members: the President of the University, the President of the AMAA, the Executive Director of the AMAA, the President of the UAECNE and the President of the Philiposian Foundation. Six of the Trustees, forming the Executive Committee of the Board, are from Lebanon. The other members are from the United States. The Trustees hold two meetings a year, one in Beirut and the other in the United States.

We take this opportunity to thank each and every Board member for the love and dedication they demonstrate for our University. We thank them for their prayers and the leadership they provide to help the University excel as an educational institution and for their hard work in raising funds for the operation and expansion of our growing University.

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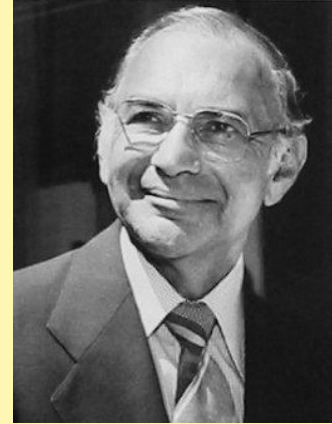
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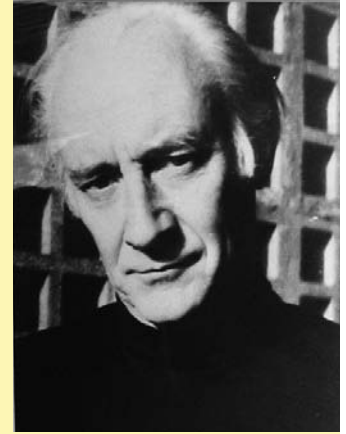
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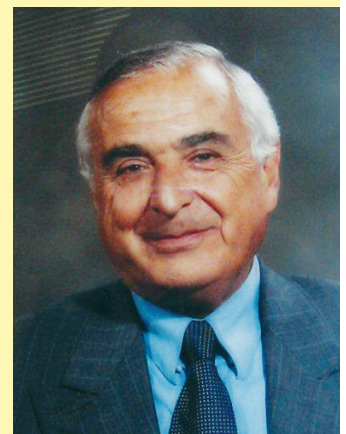
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Հայկազեան Համալսարան

Պէյրութի Հայկազեան Համալսարանը, որ կը կրէ Եղեռնի նահատակ Դոկտ. Արմենակ Հայկազեանի անունը, հիմնուած է 1955 թուականին՝ որպէս ազատ արուեստներու ուսման հաստատութիւն՝ անգլերէնը ունենալով իբրեւ ուսուցման լեզու: Համալսարանը ցարդ տուած է աւելի քան 3200 շրջանաւարտներ, որոնք կը ստանան արուեստի եւ գիտութեան Պսակաւորի, Մագիստրոսի եւ Տնտեսական Վարչագիտութեանց Մագիստրոսի աստիճաններ: Այս վկայականները ճանչցուած են Լիբանանի պետութեան եւ Ամերիկեան Գոլէճներու եւ Համալսարաններու Միջազգային Ընկերակցութեան կողմէ: Համալսարանը փոխ-գործակցութեան պայմանագրեր ստորագրած է Լիբանանի Պետական Համալսարանին ու Երեւանի Պետական Համալսարանին հետ:

Համալսարանին ուսանողները կը դարձնուին ծառայելու իրենց համայնքներուն եւ ապրելու անկախ՝ բազմամշակոյթ աշխարհի մը մէջ թէ՛ Լիբանանի եւ թէ՛ Մերձաւոր Արեւելքի ու այլ երկիրներու մէջ:

Հայկազեան Համալսարանի հիմնադիրները, սկիզբէն ի վեր ձգտած են միջոցներ ապահովել յատկապէս սփիւռքահայ ուսանողներուն համար, որոնք կը փափաքին բարձրագոյն ուսում ստանալ, սակայն նիւթական բաւարար հնարաւորութիւն չունին: Այսօր Համալսարանին դռները բաց են բոլորին առջեւ՝ առանց կրօնքի ու ազգային խտրութեան: Համալսարանին 115 դասախօսներուն, 55 պաշտօնեաներուն եւ ուսանողներուն փոխ-յարաբերութիւնը նպաստած է կրթական մակարդակի բարձրացումին եւ ազատ մթնոլորտի մը ձեւաւորման:

Համալսարանին նշանաբանը կը կազմեն ճշմարտութիւնը, ազատութիւնը եւ ծառայութիւնը:

Պատմական Ակնարկ

Հայկազեան Համալսարանը հիմնուած է Ամերիկայի Հայ Աւետարանչական Ընկերակցութեան եւ Մերձաւոր Արեւելքի Հայ Աւետարանական Եկեղեցիներու Միութեան կողմէ: Սկիզբի օրերուն այս կրթօճախը կը կոչուէր Հայկազեան Գոլէճ: Լիբանանի կառավարութիւնը, 1966 թ.ի Մարտ 25-ին Հայկազեան Գոլէճը կը ճանչնայ որպէս բարձրագոյն ուսման հաստատութիւն եւ Արուեստից եւ Գիտութեան Պսակաւորի աստիճանը կը հաւասարի լիբանանեան համալսարանին շնորհած աստիճաններուն: 1996 թ.-ին Հայկազեան Գոլէճը իրաւունք կը ստանայ ակադեմիական կարգ մը ծրագիրներ իրականացնել

Մագիստրոսի աստիճանին համար եւ կոչուիլ Հայկազեան Համալսարան: Այսօր Հայկազեանը կը դասուի Լիբանանի լաւագոյն համալսարաններուն մէջ որպէս առաջնակարգ եւ բարձրորակ հաստատութիւն: Ներկայիս Համալսարանին Նախագահն է Վերապատուելի Դոկտ. Փօլ Հայտօսթեան:

Հայկազեանը եզակի հաստատութիւն է. Հայաստանէն դուրս՝ հայկական միակ համալսարանն է ան: Հայկազեան Համալսարանի չորս բաժանմունքներուն եւ ծրագիրներուն մէջ կ'ուսանին 925 ուսանողներ, որոնք կը ներկայացնեն քսան ազգեր: Ուսանողութեան մօտաւորապէս կէսը հայեր են: Ակադեմիական ծրագիրներուն հետեւող ուսանողներուն կ'աւելնան մօտ 450 անհատներ, որոնք արձանագրուած են Շարունակական Ուսումնառութեան երկու ծրագիրներուն մէջ: Այս ուսանողներուն բազմազգիութիւնը համալսարանին մշակութային կեանքը կը հարստացնէ: Ուսանողներուն կեանքը կը ճոխանայ նաեւ այն բազմաթիւ եւ բազմապիսի ընկերային, արուեստից ու մարզական ակումբներով, որոնց ծրագիրներուն միջոցով ուսանողները կ'ունենան արտադասարանային հարուստ փորձառութիւններ:

Համալսարանը ունի հինգ սեփական մասնաշէնքեր, որոնք կը գտնուին Պէյրութի պատմական եւ կեդրոնական մէկ շրջանին մէջ: Համալսարանը կը պարփակէ Պարսումեան ընդհանուր եւ Տէրեան Հայագիտական գրադարանները, որոնց գիրքերը մեծ արժէք կը ներկայացնեն: Համալսարանին հրատարակութիւններէն նշանաւոր է *Հայկազեան Հայագիտական Հանդէսը*, որ տարեկան հերթականութեամբ կը հրատարակուի 1970էն ի վեր. անկէ ցարդ հրատարակուած են 32 հատորներ:

Արժէքները եւ Ծառայութեան Ուղղութիւնները

Ներշնչուած քրիստոնէական արանդով, արմատացած հայկական ինքնութեան մէջ եւ լիբանանեան ենթահողով՝ համալսարանը ջատագովն է առողջ կեանքի փիլիսոփայութեան եւ իւրայատուկ կերպով կը սատարէ աշխարհին եւ անոր բնակիչներուն առողջութեան: Հետեւաբար, համալսարանը կը քաջալերէ ուսանողները որ խորհին իրենց անձնական, մասնագիտական, հոգեւոր, ընկերային եւ կենսամթնոլորտային արժէքներու մասին: Հանրութեան՝ Համալսարանը կը հրամցնէ դասախօսական շարքեր եւ մշակութային ծրագիրներ ու արուեստի ցուցահանդէսներ:

Դպրոցները

Համալսարանը բաժնուած է երկու դպրոցի – Արուեստից եւ Գիտութեանց Դպրոց եւ Առեւտրական եւ Տնտեսական Վարչագիտութեանց Դպրոց, որոնք միասնաբար ունին 30 Պսակաւոր եւ 13 Մագիստրոսի մասնագիտութիւններ:

1. Արուեստից եւ Գիտութեանց Դպրոց, որու Տեսչուհին է Դոկտ. Արտա Արսէնեան-Էքմէքճի, կ'ընդգրկէ երեք բաժանմունքներ.-

Ա. Գիտութեանց (բաժանմունքները՝ Բնական Գիտութիւններ ինչպէս՝ Բժշկագիտական Տարրալուծարան, Քիմիագիտութիւն, Կենսաբանութիւն, եւ Ուսողութեան առնչուած Գիտութիւններ՝ ինչպէս Բնագիտութիւն, Համակարգչային Գիտութիւն եւ Ուսողութիւն):

Բ. Հասարակական եւ Վարքային Գիտութեանց (բաժանմունքները՝ Հոգեբանութիւն, Ընկերաբանութիւն, Ընկերային Ծառայութիւն, Քաղաքականագիտութիւն եւ Մանկավարժութիւն): Հոգեբանութեան եւ Մանկավարժութեան պարագային՝ կը շնորհուին նաեւ Մագիստրոսի աստիճաններ:

Գ. Մարդկայնական Գիտութեանց (բաժանմունքներ՝ Արաբերէն եւ Հայագիտական ուսման ծրագիրներ, Անգլերէն Լեզու եւ Գրականութիւն, Պատմութիւն, Երաժշտութիւն, Փիլիսոփայութիւն, Կրօն, Արուեստ եւ Միջ-մշակութային Սերտողութեանց Ծրագիր):

2. Առեւտրական եւ Տնտեսական Վարչագիտութեանց Դպրոց, որու Տեսուչն է Դոկտ. Ֆէտի Ասրաուի, կը շնորհէ Պսակաւոր աստիճանի վկայական հետեւեալ բաժանմունքներու մէջ.- Հաշուապահութիւն, Հիւրընկալութիւն եւ

Տեղեկութեանց Տնօրինում, Ելեւմտագիտութիւն, Գովազդ եւ Հաղորդակցութիւն: Կը շնորհուին նաեւ Մագիստրոսի աստիճան յատկապէս Ելեւմտական Գիտութեանց, Հաշուապահութեան, Վարչագիտութեան եւ Շուկայագիտութեանց մէջ:

Հայկազեան Եունիվըրսիթի Փրէսը (հիմն. 2011), Հայկազեան Համալսարանի Հրատարակչատունը, կը գործէ/կը բանի հիմնական արժէքներ ունենալով Ճշմարտութիւնը, Ազատութիւնը եւ Ծառայութիւնը: Բարձրորակ ուսումնասիրական հրատարակութիւններու միջոցաւ ան պատեհութիւն կը յառաջացնէ որակաւոր մտաւորականներու, որպէսզի նպաստեն ակադեմական լայնածիր շրջանակին եւ սատարեն մարդկութեան բոլոր տեսակի խնդիրներու ընդհանրական ըմբռնումին՝ առանց շահոյթի հաշուենկատութեան/նկատաւման/հաշուաւման: Հրատարակչատունը հաստատուած է հարստացնելու բարիքները Հայկազեան Համալսարանի ընտանքին ի մասնաւորի Հայագիտական Ուսմանց, ինչպէս նաեւ կրթութեան/մանկավարժութեան, ընկերային ծառայութեան, լեզուներու, քաղաքականագիտութեանց, քրիստոնէական կրթութեան եւ առեւտրական վարչագիտութեան ու տնտեսութեան, հոգեբանութեան, պատմութեան եւ երաժշտութեան առնչուող հայերէն, անգլերէն եւ արաբերէն բարձրարժէք հրատարակութիւններով:

Հայկազեան Համալսարանի Հայկական Սփիւռքի Ուսումնասիրութեան Կեդրոնը հիմնուած է 2012ին, ուսումնասիրելու ընդհանրապէս Սփիւռքի, եւ մասնաւորաբար Միջին Արեւելքի հայազաղութներու տարբեր երեսակները՝ պատմութիւնը, մշակոյթը, համարկումը եւ նպաստը ասպանջական երկիրներուն, ինչպէս նաեւ այդ համայնքներուն յարաբերութիւնը այլ հայազաղութներու եւ հայրենիքին հետ: □



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